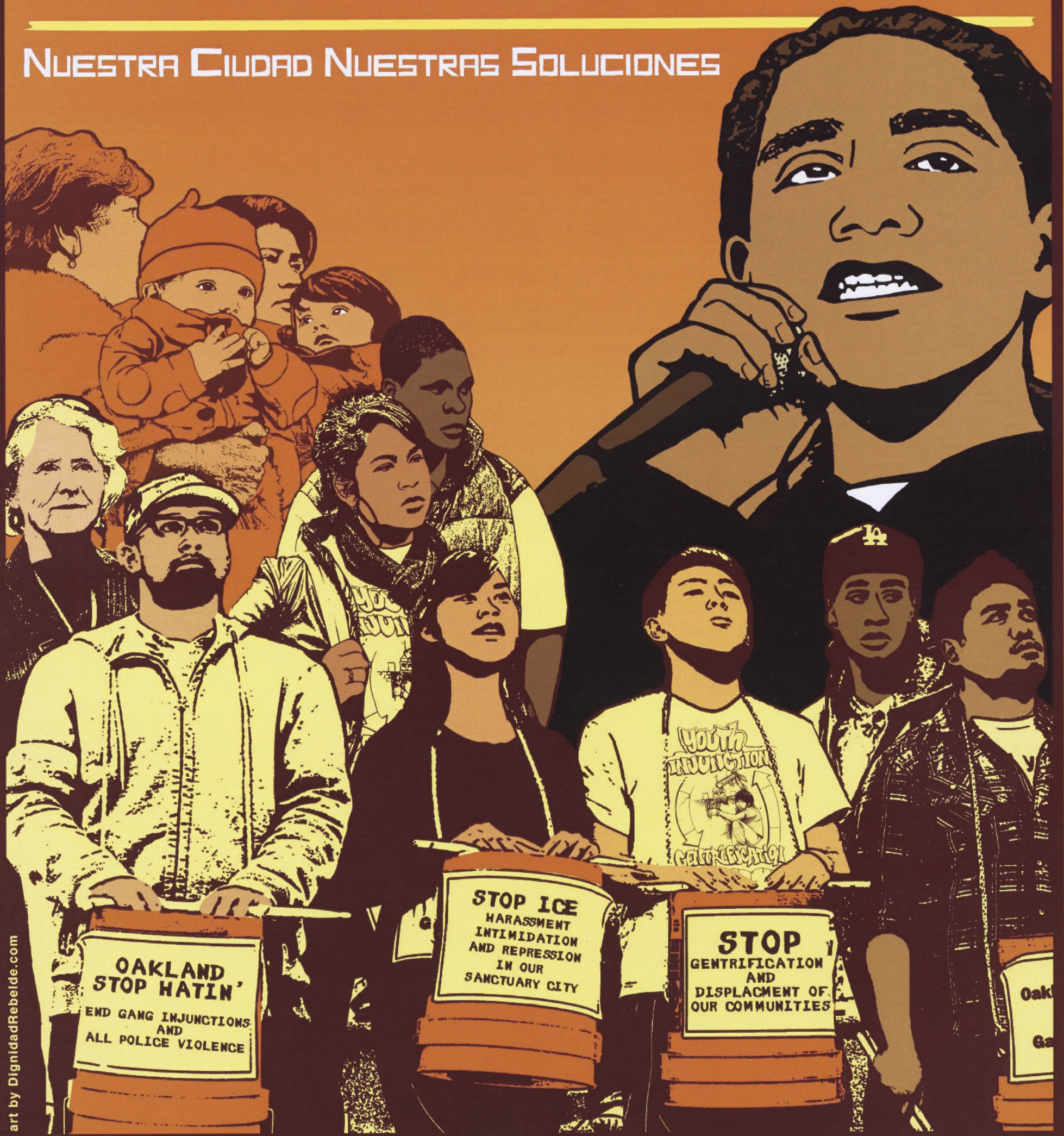


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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, STOP RACIST GANG INJUNCTIONS!
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WHAT IS AN INJUNCTION?

A civil gang injunction is a court order that targets groups of people that police have labelled as gang members, who live or spend time in a designated area. The police and the court order refer to this area as a "safety zone." Oakland has imposed two temporary injunctions on North Oakland (beginning April 2010) and the Fruitvale (June 2011); these injunctions are currently in effect, *with no public court review or end-date*. Even before these injunctions were put into place legally, *the people named and their families were harassed by police, had their homes raided and even imprisoned for violating the injunction*. Injunctions target people based on past contact with police, conviction record, real or alleged associations, and/or information provided by informants or so-called police experts. *Once in place, injunctions make it legal for police to harass, imprison and fine people without going to court to prove the violation*.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

Politicians and police claim that injunctions reduce crime and violence in the "safety zone." *In reality, injunctions don't reduce these things; they have a destructive impact on the communities and families they target and they increase police harassment and racial profiling*. Those on the injunction are prohibited from standing together, wearing certain colors, from carrying what police identify as gang tools (including felt-tip markers and illegal items such as guns). The injunction imposes a mandatory curfew for those named. To challenge the injunction or to be removed from the list, named individuals have to hire their own attorneys (which can cost thousands of dollars), snitch on other people, and/or divulge extensive information about their own pasts. *Injunctions are often placed in neighborhoods bordering gentrified/ing areas and they are used as tools for future gentrification. Injunctions threaten to divide Oakland communities*.

WHO IS AFFECTED?

Regardless of who cops say they are targeting, everyone who lives or works in the safety zone will be impacted. The families, friends and neighbors of people targeted by injunctions are subject to extra surveillance and police aggression. Injunctions target people of color; in the history of their use, no injunctions in the US have ever targeted white people. In Oakland, youth of color and neighborhood residents have reported being stopped by police, photographed and harassed for looking like people on the injunction list, and accused of gang association.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

**** Any arrest of a minor for an injunction violation is unlawful. ****

IMPORTANT: You are NOT restricted by the injunction unless you are 1) served in person with injunction documents that name you AND 2) ruled in civil court to be an alleged member of a gang.

Look out for yourself! Be aware of who you let take your picture. Think twice about what you put on Facebook, the internet or other public places, because it can be taken out of context and used against you as evidence!

If you are approached by the cops, don't self-identify as a gang member. Exercise your right to remain silent. Loudly state that you do not consent to a search or being photographed.

If you see cops harassing others, take a video or photographs with your cell phone or camera.

You have the right to ask a cop to identify themselves. If possible, get their names, badge numbers, and department. Write down the time, date, and what happened.

WHAT REAL SAFETY LOOKS LIKE!

Rather than wasting resources extending police authority and sending people to prison, we demand real solutions to harm. Our demands:

1. **STOP THE INJUNCTIONS AND ALL POLICE VIOLENCE.**
2. **COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION. WE KNOW WHAT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED; WE HAVE OUR OWN SOLUTIONS. A HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE CITY IS BUILT AND MAINTAINED BY PRIORITIZING THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL NEEDS OF ALL OUR COMMUNITIES.**
3. **DEFEND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES: NO DEPORTATIONS, NO COLLABORATION WITH ICE.**
4. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND STABLE EMPLOYMENT: STOP GENTRIFICATION.**
5. **ACCOUNTABILITY FROM CITY GOVERNMENT AND INCREASED DECISION-MAKING POWER FOR ALL OAKLAND RESIDENTS.**

WHO WE ARE:

The Stop the Injunctions Coalition is a citywide grassroots coalition that connects community members, lawyers, service providers and other community organizations to create real solutions for Oakland, not more police and criminalizing policies that do not reduce harm.



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